

**LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE**  
**Southside Regional Local Human Rights Committee**  
**Meeting of July 27, 2012**

**\*\*\*FINAL\*\*\***

**PRESENT**

Kathleen Dring, Psy.D., LHRC Chair  
Tracy Ferguson, LHRC  
Hillary Zaneveld, Human Rights Advocate DBHDS  
Jeffery Burns, Tidewater Psychotherapy Services  
Rose Smith, Finney, Zimmerman Psychotherapy Associates  
Nina Joyner, New Life Programs and Family Systems II  
Angelo Morlino, Vito, Inc.  
Susan Wilson, Pendleton Child Services Center  
Peggy Lidstrom, Dominion Psychiatric, PLLC-Turning Point  
Shawnta Wright, Sarah's Place  
Linda Bright, Health Care Services of Hampton Roads, Inc.  
Patrick Bateman, The Barry Robinson Center  
James Lassiter, Family Net  
Damon Sutton, Paramount Youth Services

**ABSENT**

Vonda Alston, One Vision & Associates  
Dana Steele, LHRC, Vice Chair

Kathleen Dring called the meeting to order at 9:05 am. Hillary Zaneveld noted that the Local Human Rights Committee needed three committee members to constitute a quorum. Because there were only two committee members present, the committee members could hear reports and conduct business, but the minutes for the previous meeting could not be approved and the business could not be approved until the LHRC had a meeting with enough members present to constitute a quorum. Dr. Dring noted that, prior to the meeting, Dana Steele had confirmed that she would be attending the meeting. Dr. Dring will contact Dana Steele and the other committee members to arrange another meeting in which the business from today's meeting can be officially acted upon.

**2012 Meeting Dates**

Dr. Dring noted that the remaining meeting date was October 26, 2012.

**Minutes**

As previously noted, the minutes from the April 27, 2012 meeting cannot be officially approved until there is a meeting in which the LHRC has enough members present to constitute a quorum.

**Advocate's Report**

Hillary Zaneveld reported that Human Rights has hired a new advocate, Timothy Jones. She also informed everyone that serious injuries or deaths needed to be reported to the Central Office. She provided copies of the form that is to be used to report serious injuries or deaths. Ms. Zaneveld also distributed a memorandum describing the procedure for providers to follow when they are already affiliated with an LHRC and are seeking approval for the addition of a new location of a licensed service in the same region. Ms. Zaneveld also distributed written recommendations regarding the suggested format to use when reporting internal investigations of abuse and complaint. She emphasized that the document provided recommendations, not requirements.

### **Program Reports**

1. Pendleton Child Services Center – Sue Wilson reviewed her quarterly report, which indicated 27 clients were served in their residential and day-treatment programs. There were two abuse allegations, both of which were unfounded. There were no restraints, complaints, or other human rights issues.
2. Tidewater Psychotherapy – Jeff Burns reviewed his quarterly report, which indicated 57 clients were served in 2 intensive outpatient and 6 substance abuse groups. There were no restraints, complaints, or other human rights issues.
3. Finney, Zimmerman Psychiatric Associates – Rose Smith reported that Finney Psychiatric Associates had changed its name to Finney, Zimmerman Psychiatric Associates. She reviewed her quarterly report. Her quarterly report indicated they served 27 adult clients in their intensive outpatient chemical dependency program and relapse prevention program. There were no restraints, complaints, or other human rights issues.
4. Paramount Youth Services – Damon Sutton reviewed the quarterly report which indicated that 28 youth had been served in their group homes. There were no restraints, complaints or other human rights issues. Mr. Sutton reported that he wished to make a service modification request. The committee responded that the service modification request would be considered after all program reports had been made.
5. New Life – Nina Joyner reviewed her quarterly report. Her quarterly report indicated they served 4 residents in Mary's House. There were no restraints, complaints or other human rights issues.
6. Family Systems II – Nina Joyner reviewed her quarterly report. Her quarterly report indicated they served 27 clients in intensive in-home services, 43 clients in mental health support and 28 clients in the therapeutic day treatment program. There was one allegation that was still under investigation. There were no restraints, complaints or other human rights issues.
7. Vito Inc. – Angelo Morlino reviewed his quarterly report. His quarterly report indicated they served an average of 79 in-home and day support clients. There were no restraints, complaints or other human rights issues.
8. Family Net – James Lassiter reviewed the quarterly report which indicated that 4 clients were served in the intensive in-home program. There were no restraints, complaints or other human rights issues.
9. Dominion Psychiatric Associates, PLLC-Turning Point- Peggy Lidstrom reviewed her quarterly report. The quarterly report indicated they served 10 clients in their Intensive Outpatient Chemical Dependency Program and aftercare program. There were no restraints, complaints or other human rights issues.
10. Sarah's Place- Shawnta Wright reviewed her quarterly report. The quarterly report indicated they served 2 residential clients in their group home. She reported that the group home had been moved to a new location. There were no restraints, complaints or other human rights issues.
11. One Vision and Associates- No report. Ms. Zaneveld stated she would contact Vonda

Alston to inquire about her absence at the last four quarterly meetings.

12. Health Care Services of Hampton Roads, Inc.- Linda Bright reported that their program had been licensed on 6/1/12. They were providing mental health support to 4 consumers. There were no restraints, complaints or other human rights issues.
13. The Barry Robinson Center – HomeBase Services – Patrick Bateman reviewed the quarterly report. The quarterly report indicated they had an average monthly census of 48 in the intensive in-home services program. There were no restraints, complaints or other human rights issues.
14. The Barry Robinson Center – Residential- Patrick Bateman reviewed the quarterly report. The quarterly report indicated they had an average monthly census of 42. There were no allegations, and there were no other human rights issues

#### **Service Modification Request**

Paramount Youth Services requested a service modification regarding the age range of the clients served at one of their group homes, Lafayette Group Home. This group home currently serves clients ages 12 to 18. Mr. Sutton stated that Paramount Youth Services was requesting to serve clients ages 15 to 20 in the Lafayette Group Home. The Committee moved and approved this request while noting that the approval would not be official until the LHRC had a meeting in which there were sufficient members present to constitute a quorum.

#### **Executive Session**

A motion was made, seconded and passed that the LHRC enter into an Executive Session pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711 (A)4 for the protection of the privacy of individuals in personal matters not related to public business, namely for the purpose of reviewing abuse allegations with Pendleton Child Services Center pursuant to the regulations.

#### **Exit Executive Session**

Upon reconvening into public session, the LHRC unanimously certified to the best of each member's knowledge, only public matters, lawfully exempt from statutory open meeting requirements, and only public business matters identified in the motion to reconvene this session, the Executive Session, were discussed in the Executive Session.

After reconvening into public session, the Southside Regional Local Human Rights Committee indicated that no recommendations were made regarding the two abuse allegations at Pendleton Child Services Center.

There was no public comment. The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.